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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

## Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 3/24/05 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): applicant has not fully responded to the objection to the specification as required by the prior Office Action. Correction of the following is required: applicant must clarify the disclosure *to explicitly state*, with reference to the terms and phrases of the claim element, what structure, materials, or acts perform the means for varying the slot width recited in the claim elements and equivalents thereof. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the abovementioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michelle (Shelley) Clement whose telephone number is 571.272.6884. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Thursday 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone can be reached on 571.272.6873. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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